

1/06/05 Meeting Notes – Landfill Stability Workgroup
Raptor Conference Room – South Central Region Headquarters

website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/solid/landfill/stability/index.htm>

Attending: Sherren Clark (BT²), Bob Ham (UW), Dan Leclaire (WMWI), Gene Mitchell (DNR), John Reindl (Dane County), Joe Van Rossum (UW-Extension/SHWEC), Todd Watermolen (Onyx), Brad Wolbert (DNR)

- I. Problem Statement: The group briefly discussed and agreed to a relatively minor proposed change in the first paragraph of the problem statement to clarify that we are trying to improve management of organics as distinct from waste. DNR will make the change to the web page.
- II. Responsiveness Summary on Proposed Leachate Collection Line Rule: DNR summarized those external comments that have been made on the proposed leachate line rule relating to stability plans and to Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) projects, and draft responses prepared by department staff. These were sent to the group in advance of the meeting. The group was invited to provide any additional comments.

The group indicated it's difficult to evaluate the department's responses without being able to see the relevant code sections as revised. With respect to stability plans, some in the group expressed concern that competitive pressures will prevent landfill operators from taking unilateral actions such as diverting food wastes or other organics from their facilities. A statewide ban would be more workable from the operator's standpoint.

- III. Table of Stabilization Strategies: The group completed work on the first version of the table by discussing the diversion, recycling and waste reduction options and making appropriate changes to the pros, cons and status columns. The table will be revised prior to next meeting and circulated for final comments. Eventually it will be posted on the web site with appropriate caveats regarding its limitations and general nature.
- IV. Measurement and Performance: Previous homework was to prepare suggestions for methods of measuring progress towards organic stability in landfills. Two of these were circulated at the meeting. As set forth in a previous timetable, the group will discuss these at the next meeting.
- IV. Next Meeting: The meeting planned for Thursday, February 3, 2005 will have to be rescheduled to accommodate members' schedules.

[The meeting was subsequently rescheduled to Thursday, January 27 at 1:00 in the Raptor Room at DNR's SCR Headquarters building.]